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### SYMPHONY RETURNS WITH AN EXCITING SEASON FULL OF CONCERTS AND EVENTS

The West Valley Symphony has announced a 2010-11 calendar of concerts and special events appealing to northwest valley residents of all ages. Venues across Sun Cities and Surprise will host the orchestra, led by Maestro Cal Stewart Kellogg, as they perform timeless works by master composers such as Mozart, Beethoven Brahms and Dvořák. "We are very excited about the programs being presented; they form a nice balance between well-loved pieces and some rarely performed works," says Maestro Cal Stewart Kellogg. "This season will prove to be very pleasing and we're confident that it will help us to expand our already growing audience."

### CONCERTS

The Symphony's four-concert season begins on Nov. 14 with **SPECTACULAR SERENADES** when Maestro Kellogg will lead a program of Dvořák's *Serenade for Wind Instruments* and Brahms' *Serenade #2 in A Major*. The site is Shepherd of the Hills Church in Sun City West. On Dec.19, the orchestra will be on stage at the Sundial Auditorium in Sun City to commemorate **Sun City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** with **CELEBRATIONS** featuring favorite holiday songs and carols. On Jan. 16, 2011, **MUSIC FOR ALL AGES** will find the symphony on stage at the newly constructed Valley Vista Performing Arts Auditorium in Surprise, joined by well-known media personality MICHAEL DIXON, narrating Prokofiev's timeless tale *Peter and the Wolf* followed by Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 3 (Scottish)*. Wrapping up the concert season on Mar. 20, **MEMORABLE MASTERPIECES** will feature Guest Artist THOMAS LANDSCHOOT performing what many consider the greatest cello concerto ever written, Saint Saëns' *Cello Concerto No. 1*, with Beethoven's *Symphony No. 2* for a finale. The location is Faith Presbyterian Church in Sun City.

All West Valley Symphony concerts are on Sunday afternoons at 3 pm. All seating is general admission. Individual classical-season concert tickets are on sale now for \$25 adult and \$15 youth. A season subscription to the four-concert classical series (Nov. 14, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, & Mar. 20) is available for \$90, a 10% discount over individual concert prices. Visit the West Valley Symphony at [www.westvalleysymphony.org](http://www.westvalleysymphony.org) or call (623) 236-6781 to order tickets and get additional information.

### SPECIAL EVENT #1

The Symphony will return to the Sundial Auditorium on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011 for a special event concert, **GROWING UP WITH TV**, with MIKE CROTTY and DEATER O'NEILL in a spirited romp through TV's Golden Era, 1950-1965. The show begins at 3 pm. Listen, laugh, and recall an era rich with creativity, talent, and humor.

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Tickets for the Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> show are not included in the classical-series subscription. Cost is \$25 for adult tickets and \$15 for youth; general admission seating.

### SPECIAL EVENT #2

On Saturday, Apr. 2, 2011, the Symphony will host a special evening of dinner, auctions, and entertainment at Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West. Supporters will have the opportunity to bid on both silent and live auctions, including a chance to “Be a Conductor ~ Maestro Magic”, an opportunity to conduct the orchestra on stage during the 2011-12 season. Early-bird tickets for this special event are \$110 (regular \$125) and are available through Nov. 14.

### COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

In addition to the concerts, the Symphony and Rio Salado College’s RISE Learning for Life will continue their well-attended series of three educational events. The first of these community events, “*Three Great Composers*” is Oct. 29, at 10 am. Maestro Kellogg will speak about the lives and works of Richard Strauss, Antonin Dvořák and Johannes Brahms. A break after the morning session will offer participants an opportunity to support Interfaith by visiting Birt’s Bistro and Bookstore, located next door at Benevilla. At 1 pm, participants will reconvene to hear a performance by the West Valley Woodwinds Ensemble.

Similar events are scheduled for Feb. 4 and Mar. 4, 2011. These community educational events are free and open to the public. They take place on the Rio Salado/RISE campus at 12535 W. Smokey Drive in Surprise. Seating is limited; to sign up call RISE at (480) 377-4251.

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